



At Baptist Student Convention last week-end, photo at left shows Rev. Ralph B. Winders, State Student director (right) enjoying drama feature along with Dr. W. F. Howard, Dallas, speaker. Second picture shows President Brad Castleberry in action. Third photo shows music director Dr.

Phillip Landgrave of Louisville, Ky., playing an instrumental solo. In fourth picture Bennie Warren, Perkinson, faculty advisor, chats with a student, Miss Anita Gamble, of Delta State. Fifth photo shows Rev. Harold T. Bryson, of Carthage, opening principal speaker in action. Last picture shows

vesper choir of Mississippi College, directed by Tanner Riley, of Clinton, rendering special music on Friday night.

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Students Conduct Constructive Meet

The Mississippi Baptist Student Convention, meeting last week - end at Wm. Carey College in Hattiesburg, was declared to be a most constructive meeting, according to Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of the Department of Student Work of the State Convention Board, sponsor.

A total of approximately 750 attended from nearly 30 schools and colleges in the state.

The young Baptists heard several outstanding messages, engaged in a series of simultaneous dialogue sessions, held a business session and participated in a program featuring inspiration and information.

Rev. Harold Bryson, of Carthage, the opening speaker for the convention Friday night, told the young people that "it almost blew my mind when I discovered that God is not a Baptist."

Mr. Bryson, pastor of First Baptist Church in his home city, speaking on the subject of "A Time for Openness," continuing, said:

"God is conceived by some closed minded people as a Southern gentleman living south of the Mason-Dixon line and typical in Southern thinking and procedures.

"You need to be open concerning God. You will never be able to cram everything in your cranium about God.

"It is good to know that my good friend, a high school companion of mine, who is a space scientist still has a very high regard of God. God has not been outdated. When you

study chemistry, you are studying about God's law.

"To be open to Jesus Christ will cause us to discover ourselves. The spark of the Divine is within you, and that makes you different from the animal world.

"Life is filled with people who identify with the crowd and with things. For example, the young man who has a 'Sting Ray' with a 400 cubic engine, 'mag' wheels, four on the floor, etc. thinks to be somebody. It is amazing how we can be dressed a certain way and think we are somebody.

"I call upon you to allow yourselves to listen to the world of others—others with their clenched fists and closed minds, and try to understand them. Jesus tried to identify with people in understanding them. Would you let people into your world through Christian understanding?

"To be fully open to people, you must be willing to help them.

"Complete openness comes when you allow God to come inside."

The convention, in its business session, adopted the report of its Student Mission Committee, which recommended the appointment of 35 student summer missionaries for 1971, to serve in both home and foreign fields. The goal for the program is \$11,500, which is contributed by the students themselves.

The missionaries will be selected Feb. 5-6 by the Student Missions Committee.

Brad Castleberry, of Mississippi College, Clinton, president, was in the chair and was assisted in presiding by Warren Rowe, vice - president, of Mississippi State.

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Youth Convention Set Dec. 28-29

The annual Mississippi Baptist Youth Convention, to be held Dec. 28-29 in Jackson, will be expanded this year and will feature inspirational addresses, drama presentations, musical highlights, recreation periods, testimonies, conferences, and a coffee house.

The convention, formerly sponsored by the Church Training Department of the State Baptist Convention Board, will be jointly sponsored this year by that department and the Church Music Department.

The convention will begin at 2:20 p.m. on Monday and close at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday.

On Monday morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. the Young People's Convention Adjudication will be held under direction of Eddie Prather, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Yazoo City.

All day sessions will be held at Calvary Baptist Church with the two night sessions, each to begin at 6:50 p.m., to be held in the new Jackson City Auditorium.

The featured convention speaker will be Rev. Douglas Watterson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Fla.

Mr. Watterson will speak four times and will bring the convention to a close with an address on Tuesday night.

Currently president of the Florida Baptist Convention, he is in frequent demand as a speaker on college campuses and assemblies.

Also listed as a featured speaker is Gary Googe, student at Mississippi College, who will be the principal speaker at the Monday night session.

Mr. Googe is also in demand as a speaker and an evangelist, having preached in more than 75 revivals and youth retreats during the past three years.

The music highlights will include the appearance of several outstanding musical groups, a music drama and a religious folk musical.

A 500-voice choir will present "Now Hear It Again" at the Tuesday night session.

Elwyn Rayner To Direct
This will be under direction of Elwyn Rayner, on the staff of the Church Music Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

The Pilgrim 20 Singers, nationally known rock-folk-religious group based in Wichita, Kansas, will sing Monday evening.

The singers are college young people who have temporarily interrupted their education to spread the Christian message in their own unique way.

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Reorganization Of Home Mission Board To Strengthen Its Strategy Function

ATLANTA (BP)—A restructuring of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board staff, the first major change in 11 years, has been approved by the board in an effort to strengthen its correlating and strategy planning functions.

The new organization also emphasizes the agency's role in working with associations, in starting new churches, and in relating to mission personnel, board officials said.

Affected will be the work of national missions in all 50 states, Panama and Puerto Rico, where Southern Baptists have 2,223 missionaries and spend \$15 million annually.

The changes, effective January 1, divide the 86-member staff into three

major sections: planning and coordination, program implementation, and program services. So effectively does the new organization use present staff members, that their number is increased by only one, according to board officials. New personnel added will simply replace vacancies.

Eleven years ago the agency created divisions in grouping departments of work, and now these divisions are pulled into section.

In 1959, the agency also moved to a new relationship with state conventions, eliminating a duplicate mission program in many areas and assigning the supervision of personnel to the states. The agency started working out agreements with each state con-

vention as to financing and types of work on which they would cooperate.

During these years churches have been organized in all 50 states, state conventions have increased to 33 from 28 and the budget has more than doubled.

The restructuring, however, does not capture the thrust of the restructuring and mostly affects the work with state conventions, board officials said.

"This section is designed to correct two weaknesses in our previous organization," said Executive Secretary Arthur Rutledge, who himself came to the agency in the creation of the (Continued on page 2)

Southern Baptist Convention

'Get Into Arena,' Bates Says

ATLANTA (BP) — "It is time for the Southern Baptist Convention to stand on its feet and get into the arena of life," the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Carl E. Bates of Charlotte, N. C., declared here.

Southern Baptists must go into a world that has little sense of direction and show love and purity of morals in a time when hate and immorality are rampant, Bates told staff members and the elected board of directors of the SBC Home Mission Board at a luncheon here.

He told the group that he is as concerned as much about what he called "the crisis within the convention" as he is about "the crisis in the world."

Bates, pastor of Charlotte's First Baptist Church, expressed frustration that the denomination should find itself polarized over doctrinal differences at this time, and that opinion polls disclose that the church has less influence on society.

"All of the things that are happening happened when we had every reason to be confident that the church would have a greater influence on people than ever in its history," he

explained. "Surprisingly enough, the impact of the church has become weaker and weaker."

Explaining the cause of the growing weakness, Bates cited the transition of people. "I keep hearing that people have moved from the country to the city," he said.

He chided those who fear the city and its problems. The only problem I face in the city is how to get my heart and arms stretched big enough to take in all the city.

"Somebody ought to look at our New Testament and see that this is a book about the city. 'Christianity began in the city,' Bates said.

He called Baptists' ignorance of doctrine and procedures "abysmal." "Many of our people don't really understand what the Christian faith is all about. There was a time when the average Baptist member knew what Baptists believed."

He added that Baptists must find new ways of communicating the gospel, saying that some of the old approaches are no longer effective.

"We can no longer preach in the death complex we used to," he said. "Evangelism based on the death complex is no more." He added that evangelism which appeals to guilt is also ineffective today.

Speaking to the question of a personal and social gospel, Bates said Baptists must find some way to combine both aspects. He disputed the idea that changed people will automatically change society.

"You can't say anymore that concerned people will change society," he said. "I know a lot of concerned people who're not doing anything to change anything in society."

He challenged the group to develop a deeper commitment before beginning

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BWA Plans Emphasis On 'Reconciliation' for '73-75

WASHINGTON (BP)—The Baptist World Alliance administrative subcommittee has taken action to implement plans for a worldwide "Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ" during a three-year period, 1973-75.

The committee asked Baptist World Alliance President V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, to name an international committee to draft plans and implement the proposal which was born in a resolution adopted by the 12th Baptist World Congress in Tokyo last July.

The congress resolution issued "a call and invitation to the churches of various Baptist conventions and unions to participate in a World Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ." Each group would be left to

determine the manner of its own participation, but there will be a general cooperative emphasis.

The administration committee also authorized three other committees designed to strengthen the alliance's mission for world outreach and cooperation.

One will study revision of the alliance constitution. Another will study staff functions and personnel. The third will give attention to logistics for Baptist World Congress meetings, recognizing their problems inherent in bringing 10,000 or more people together from many nations as in last July's meeting at Tokyo.

The meeting marked the first anniversary of Robert S. Denny's service as general secretary of the alliance.

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Fisher President - Elect Of Southern Association

ATLANTA, Ga. — E. Harold Fisher, President of Blue Mountain College in Mississippi, has been named President - Elect of the 11-state Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Fisher's election came at the Annual Business Meeting of the Association's 75th convocation in Atlanta attended by some 4,000 delegates. The Southern Association accredits colleges and universities, secondary and elementary schools, and post-secondary, non - collegiate occupational

schools. More than 9,000 institutions are accredited by or affiliated with the Association.

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DALLAS (BP) — Members of First Baptist Church, Dallas, have over-subscribed a record \$2.6 million 1971 local church budget by more than \$38,000.

The budget is reportedly the largest local church budget in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The church has more than 15,000 members, and is the largest in the denomination.

Members of the church have given in excess of \$1 million since 1954, and passed the \$2 million mark in 1968.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the church and immediate past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, indicated that \$1,032,744 of the church's 1971 giving program will be directed to mission efforts at home and around the world.

Another \$1.29 million is earmarked for local causes, while \$325,000 will be applied to building expansion.



Frank Grayum



Eve Carolyn Aultman



Rev. Douglas Watterson



Elwyn Rayner

BWA To Emphasize Reconciliation

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He was installed last November following the death of Josef Nordenhaug in September.

A 1971 budget of \$194,000 was adopted on recommendation of the BWA treasurer, Carl W. Tiller. The figure is an increase of \$13,000 over 1970, but less than originally projected.

Owen Cooper, a Yazoo City, Miss., layman and chairman of a special gifts committee told of increasing participation in a "500 Club" through which individuals give at least \$50 a year to the alliance, special gifts to the alliance in addition to regular contributions toward the 1971 and 1972 budget.

Tiller had suggested that each of the 87 member Baptist bodies be asked to give a "fair share" or one cent per member per year as a minimum, and two cents per member per year as an objective.

In another meeting, the alliance's relief committee reported that gifts to Baptist world relief projects are expected to total \$200,000 by the end of the year.

Natural disasters in Peru, Romania, Hungary, and East Pakistan brought calls this year for help, in addition to a list of projects approved earlier by the committee.

The committee reviewed the year's work and discussed projects on six continents included in a 1971 list of objectives totalling \$170,000 adopted by the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo last July.

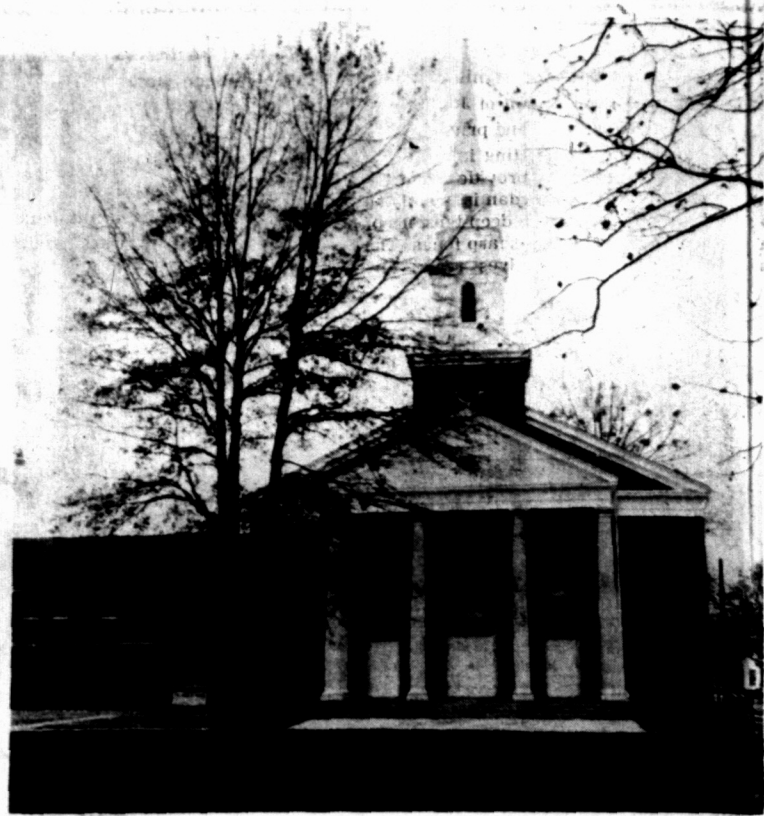
Frank H. Woyke, associate secretary of the alliance with responsibility for relief work, said that many member conventions and unions have given direct assistance in needy areas in addition to the monies coming through the BWA's Washington office.

He explained that the alliance has no actual administrative facilities, but works through member groups and agencies. Funds for assistance in Peru, Romania, Hungary and Pakistan all went through missionary representatives or Baptist unions in those countries.

Gerhard Claas, executive secretary of the Baptist Union of West Germany, told the committee of increasing cooperation between Baptists of Western and Eastern Europe in meeting relief needs.

"The Baptists of Europe, especially young people, are not satisfied only with giving money," Claas said. "They seek to become personally involved."

The Baptist Union of Germany, giving about \$50,000 so far this year, led the list of contributors to the relief fund. Others heading the list were the Baptist Federation of Canada, \$40,000; and the Baptist Union of Australia, \$28,000. Contributions thus far in 1970 have come from 24 Baptist conventions and unions, Woyke said.



1st, Belzoni, To Enter New Sanctuary

Members of First Church, Belzoni, will worship in their new sanctuary for the first time on Sunday, December 13.

Opening services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. on December 13, in the new sanctuary. At 5:00 p.m., the ordinance of the Lord's Supper and the baptismal service will be observed, according to the pastor, Rev. Jasper Neel.

This sanctuary is colonial in structure. The beautiful lighted steeple and

the faceted glass windows are the beauty spot of Belzoni at night.

The interior of the church, furnished completely by L. L. Sams and Company of Waco, Texas, has faceted glass, multicolored windows, light green carpet, pews, pulpit furniture and choir chairs, all designed to add to the beauty and worshipfulness of the church.

All friends and former members of the Church are invited to attend the services of Sunday, December 13, 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

"He Has No Children In The Lord"

By Wayne Frederick
Missionary to Guadeloupe
French West Indies

It was raining as we left the Sunday morning services at Baie Mahault enroute home. With us in the car that day was the national lay pastor of the church. As we turned the corner, our eyes saw a large crowd ahead along each side of the road. They had gathered to observe the bicycle race which was in progress (Sunday is the day for competitive sports in our country). Turning on the main course for the race, we encountered a line of traffic. As we moved slowly with the traffic, the national pastor spoke to several he recognized. At the corner where the largest crowd had gathered, the pastor spoke to an old gentleman who had not been at church that day. My wife remarked that he had been absent several Sundays. In his explanation concerning the brother's extended absence, the lay pastor made a statement which spoke to my heart. He said, "He has no children in the Lord." This statement was a bill-board-size reminder of my mission and purpose on the field. Paul said, "I have begotten you through the gospel" (II Cor. 4:15). Paul could also speak of Timothy as his son in the faith (I Tim. 1:2). Then the prophet declared, "As soon as Zion travailed she brought forth children" (Isaiah 66:8).

Just as each seed produces its own likeness, we as God's children are to show "the good seed" of the Gospel which will produce children of God. Do we have any children in the Lord? Are we spiritually barren? "He has no children in the Lord," speaks of a life which is fruitless, blighted, and barren. Remember the parable of the vineyard in Luke 13? God expects fruit.

Sunday Blue Laws Make Sense

By W. C. Burns
Pastor, First, Gautier

Accompanied by two local pastors, I walked into a large department store on a Sunday afternoon, made two purchases, marked them for later identification, went to the local police station, signed an affidavit accusing the company of willful violation of the Sunday Blue Law.

This was a strategic move that was well planned by a large group of local pastors. But it was not the first move. The order of prior actions is as follows:

a. A resolution was formed by an interdenominational pastor group and forwarded to the Company protesting their Sunday opening. This was also released to the press.

b. The Christian Action Committee of the Jackson County Baptist Association submitted a similar protest.

c. An interdenominational pastor group personally appealed to the Company Manager and his superiors to close on Sundays.

d. A large group of local pastors appealed to the City Council to take a stand on the side of the law. They evaded the issue. They also dismissed a similar appeal from all the major shopping center organizations of the city.

e. Another visit was paid the store manager and he was informed as to our last legal recourse for protest—the arrest.

f. A special called meeting of Pastors resulted in the choice of those who would personally effect the arrest. I was one of three who would actually carry out the action. (Rev. Robbie Howard and Rev. Kenna Byrd were the others.) The purchase was made, and the arrest followed.

g. The day of the trial the courtroom was well occupied with concerned Pastors and merchants. The court's judgment was "guilty."

h. The store manager gave a press release stating he would be closed on Sundays forever.

Why was this necessary? It deserves a good answer. Remember the Sunday Blue Laws are real and meaningful. They were placed on the books by concerned men for legitimate reasons. First it was necessary to resist a movement toward a 7-day work week. Dozens of managers and thousands of employees would be forced to work on Sundays. Families that ordinarily worshipped in the Churches would be deprived of this privilege or else lose their jobs. One leading nation wide merchant said he would lose 50% of his best employees. Families, already threatened by external foes, would be faced with the surrender of the only day they have together. Materialism, already a definite problem in America, would rise to greater prominence. Soon the things that matter most would be at the mercy of things that matter least. Merchants will tell you there are just so many dollars people have to spend, and they will be spent in five or six days as quickly as they will be spent in seven. Actually a 7-day week causes a merchant's overhead expenses to rise. The added cost

is passed on to the customer in higher prices. Inflation is already a problem. The state of human health is a real issue here too. When an employee keeps his "nose to the grindstone" for extended periods intense pressure works to his disadvantage. The Great Physician recommends a systematic rest coupled with worship. Why disrupt the greatest system ever offered? Churches, the moral and spiritual backbone of a stable society,

would be deprived of large segments of their leadership. In short everybody would have something to lose.

The words of the judge in this case are important. "It is not fair to penalize one merchant." He is correct. This article is written with the intent of reaching other retail merchants with the request to abide by the laws. They do make sense. It is also a reminder for all Christians to honor God's day.

Judge Refuses To Authorize Adoption By Non-Believers

EAST ORANGE, N. J. (RNS) — A New Jersey judge has told a couple they cannot adopt a child because they do not believe in God.

At a hearing on their application to adopt a 17-month-old girl they have cared for since shortly after her birth, Mr. and Mrs. John Burke said they had no religious affiliation.

Essex County Superior Court Judge William J. Camarata has issued a decision ordering Mr. and Mrs. Burke to return the girl, Eleanor Katherine, to the Children's Aid and Adoption Society here, where she was obtained. The couple, who formerly taught at the Catholic Seton Hall University in South Orange, now lives in Carterville, Ill. Mr. Burke is a speech pathologist at the University of Southern Illinois.

In his decision Judge Camarata cited a provision of the New Jersey constitution that says, "No person shall be deprived of the inestimable privilege of worshipping almighty God in a manner agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience."

He then continued, "The decision of a child to form a belief or non-belief in a Supreme Being must await the time when it has the maturity, understanding and independent volition to do so."

"The child should have the freedom to worship as she sees fit," he said, "and not be influenced by prospective parents who do not believe in a Supreme Being."

Mr. and Mrs. Burke said they would appeal the judge's decision with the

support of the adoption agency and the American Civil Liberties Union.

The adoption agency had found them to be "persons of high ethical and moral standards," and did not oppose their application.

Fisher Elected — — —

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a member of the Association's Board of Trustees.

In Mississippi Fisher is Chairman of the Council on Study and Accreditation of the Mississippi Association of Colleges; was President in 1967 of the Mississippi Foundation of Independent Colleges; is on the state advisory council on early childhood programs; belongs to the Mississippi Association of School Administrators; and has served on the publications committee of the Association for Supervision of Curriculum Development.

A native of Mississippi (Vaiden), the new President-Elect holds two degrees from the University of Mississippi and did further study at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Mrs. Fisher is the former Martha Huggins of Oxford, Mississippi. The Fishers are the parents of two daughters and a son.

Annual Seminar On Pastoral Care Of Ill To Be On February 11

Attention physicians, pastors, associate pastors, chaplains, educational directors, youth directors, and other interested professionals working regularly or occasionally with the sick, injured, or handicapped people, the Annual Seminar on Pastoral Care of the Ill, sponsored by the Pastoral Care Department at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, will be conducted Thursday, February 11, 1971. The theme will be "The Pastor As a Team Member In a Total Healing Ministry."

Mark your calendar now and make your plans to be present. Registration will start at 12:30, followed immediately by lunch. Two sessions are scheduled for the afternoon and night.

Outstanding program personalities will be announced later.

"Get Into Arena" — — —

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ning new activities, however, "We ought to get involved, but we need to come apart occasionally," he explained. He added that some have meditated too long. "It's just as true that some of us have spent enough time at the altar and ought to get involved."

He said that the Southern Baptist posture must be one of spirit-guided flexibility which neither compromises or capitulates on principles.

As president of the convention, Bates is an ex-officio member of the agency's board of directors. He was an elected member of the board for eight years.

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divisions 11 years ago and was the principal architect of the state agreements.

"First, we found that in our work with state conventions our 12 programs were not being correlated as they should at the agency.

"Second, this lack of correlation weakened our planning of a national mission strategy, which the SBC back in 1959 asked us to implement.

The planning and coordination section consists of an executive assistant (Leonard Irwin), a planning services department and four regional coordinators.

"This improvement in planning should aid us in establishing priorities more clearly and in utilizing resources more effectively," Rutledge said.

These coordinators, completely new positions, relate to four regions of the nation, each extending from North to South.

Gerald Palmer will serve the East, N. N. Evans the East Central, Wilson Brumley the West Central, and E. W. Hunke, formerly executive secretary of the Alaska Baptist Convention, in the West.

The coordinators will work with the board's program leaders and with state conventions in planning and projecting future work. They will make recommendations to the administration as to budget and strategy, and after adoption, the program implementation section takes over to carry out the approved plans.

The program section (headed by Assistant Executive Secretary Fred Moseley) pulls together into five divisions the agency's 12 programs. The divisions are evangelism, church loans, associational services, missions and chaplaincy.

In the restructuring, no emphases were lost that were now in the organization, but some (like pioneer work) were absorbed. The major change in the Program Section was splitting the Missions Division into two: Associational Services (headed by Loyd Corder) and Missions (headed by Wendell Belew).

The new Associational Services Division, designed to strengthen the work with Baptist Associations, pulls together these related to superintendents of missions and working in the program of associational administration services. In this division are the emphases of rural-urban and metropolitan work.

In the Missions Division, church extension, a new department, will channel aid to new churches. Also in this division are the departments of language missions, interfaith witness (formerly work with non-Evangelicals) National Baptists, Christian social ministries, and special mission ministries.

The third section of the new organization is Program Services Section, grouping the Divisions of Communication, Business Services, and the new Division of Personnel (headed by Glendon McCullough).

Added to the Personnel Division are offices of Personnel development and office personnel. The personnel development office will provide for a continuing relationship with the missionaries.

Adopts Report Budget

The Board has approved a budget of \$15,065,000 for 1971. The budget was accepted by the board of directors, here for its fall meeting.

The funds to be used in planning, implementing and communication of home missions, will come largely from the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. Although contributions from both sources were lower this year than has been anticipated, the budget still represents an increase over last year's budget.

"Both of the board's chief avenues of support are experiencing a slowdown this year, and as a result the agency likely will close 1970 with a lower contributions' income than last year," Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge told the directors.

The bulk of the budget—almost \$8 million—has been allocated to the Division of Missions, under whose sponsorship 2,223 missionaries serve.

About one-third of these are supported entirely by the board. The other two-thirds are supported jointly with state conventions and other Baptist groups.

The remainder of the budget will be divided between administration (\$150,000), and the board's other five divisions: Business services (\$2,100,000), Church Loans (\$1,350,000), Communication (\$803,000), Evangelism (\$530,000) and Chaplaincy (\$214,000).

Board Names New Staffers

Four persons have been appointed to the staff of the Board here, to be

involved in the board's service, planning and financial arms. Each takes office Jan. 1, 1971.

The four are: E. W. Hunke, regional coordinator for the board's work in western United States; Paul Adkins, secretary of the department of Christian social ministries; Miss Beverly Hammack, assistant secretary of the department of Christian social ministries, and Mrs. Otis P. was the first secretary of the board's Johnson, secretary, payroll and employee benefits service.

Reorganization of the board has created the position of regional coordinator. Four men will be liaisons between the board and state conventions.

A veteran denominational worker, Hunke has been executive secretary-treasurer of the Alaska Baptist Convention for nearly five years. In addition he has edited the Alaska Baptist Messenger, the state denominational paper for almost five years.

Adkins, replacing Ed Carter who moved to personnel work at the board,

Christian social ministries department, serving from January, 1967 to March, 1968.

Miss Hammack, replacing Mrs. Noble Y. Beall who is retiring, served with the board in the department of special mission ministries for six years.

As secretary of the payroll and employee benefit service, Mrs. Johnson's responsibilities will include supervision of salary, insurance and retirement benefits to missionaries and Atlanta office workers.

Baptist Men From Briarwood Drive, Jackson Install Heaters At Sandy Hill Indian Church



BAPTIST MEN of Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson, in cooperation with Rev. Dolton Haggan, general missionary to the Choctaw Indians of central Mississippi, installed a heating system and gas heaters recently at Sandy Hill Indian Baptist Church (Rev. Thomas Ben, pastor) near Preston, in Kemper County. (Mr. Haggan is pictured above.) Royal Ambassadors also joined in the project.



The heating system was donated by Mrs. George Jarvis, Louisville, sister of Mrs. Shirley Fulton and Forrest Fulton of Briarwood. The heaters were furnished by men of Briarwood. Men participating in the installation were Rev. Dolton Haggan, Rev. Louis Smith, pastor at Briarwood, J. T. Gilbert, Granville Fulton, and Earl Staires. Alford Hodge and Marvin Duran, employees of Mrs. Jarvis, also assisted. Boys taking part in the mission action project were Russ Smith, Mandy Fulton, and Paul Staires.

"No Place For Them In The Inn"

"There was no place for them in the inn" is the generalization applicable to hundreds of thousands of Palestinian Arab refugees living in Jerry-built camps in Jordan's Hills of Gilead and

Ammon. Forty per cent of the population of Jordan is refugee. Refugees pictured here are among the 32,000 in the Camp for Displaced Persons at Bakaa, Jordan. The children shown are

patients in the Save the Children Fund Infirmary. Jordan is equal in latitude to Washington, D. C. and experiences similar weather conditions. People in Washington hope for a



Life in Palestinian Arab refugee camps is reduced to barest essentials.



Mostly it is waiting . . .



trying to survive another day . . .



to sustain life for another winter . . .

white Christmas. The refugees in Jordan pray for a mild winter.

The government of Jordan, the United Nations and private agencies are cooperating in a desperate attempt to provide adequate housing. But Jordan is one of the places where the deep tensions of today come into sharp focus. The refugees themselves resist any

help that implies stabilization of their refugee status.

Outsiders are not welcome, but Southern Baptist missionaries are involved. Baptist Hospital at Ajloun, Jordan stands with open doors and a dedicated missionary Arab staff to work around the clock. Evangelists help in re-

lieve work and bear testimony to the Gospel in word and deed.

Missionaries like Dr. Dean Fitzgerald, Jr. work to the limits of human endurance to express the Gospel through medical services and witness at Baptist Hospital in Ajloun, Jordan.—(FMB Photos by Fon H. Scofield, Jr.)

State Round-Up

Ohio Plans For 100 New Churches In Coming Year

WILLOUGHBY, Ohio (BP) — The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, throughout its annual meeting here, emphasized a goal of establishing 100 new missions during 1970-71, and adopted a record budget of \$1.34 million aimed at helping carry out the goal.

Ray E. Roberts, executive secretary of the convention, pointed out that Southern Baptists in Ohio had never before established 100 new missions in a single year, "but neither have we had the resources and opportunities that are ours now," he said.

A resolution adopted by the convention pledged dedication to the goal of 100 new missions as the top priority program in 1971.

An earlier report by missions and evangelism leaders in the convention disclosed that last year, Baptists in Ohio reported more than 7,000 baptisms (conversions) for the first time in a single year, and led in establishing 21 new churches and 22 missions.

Despite the establishment of the 43 new churches or missions, the convention lost in the total number of churches and missions within its membership, since two state conventions were formed by churches in Pennsylvania and South Jersey, and in West Virginia, that previously were affiliated with Ohio Southern Baptists.

With the establishment of the two new conventions, membership in the Ohio Convention will be approximately 90,000 persons in 372 churches and 99 missions when the final reports are tabulated.

In other major actions, the convention adopted a budget of \$1,342,898 for 1970-71, elected a new president, and voted to ask a committee to study the convention's constitution and report back next year with findings and any recommendations it feels are needed.

Michigan Convention Elects Wilson Executive Secretary

FLINT, Mich. (BP) — The Baptist State Convention of Michigan accepted the resignation of Executive Secretary Fred D. Hubbs, who led in organizing the convention in 1957, and then elected Robert Wilson, the convention's mission director, as the new executive.

Both Hubbs' resignation and Wilson's election become effective Jan. 1, the date that Hubbs assumes a position as associate executive secretary in charge of associational administration for the Missouri Baptist Convention, with offices in Jefferson City, Mo.

In other actions, the convention adopted a record budget of \$823,308 and passed resolutions expressing appreciation for Hubbs' 13 years as executive secretary, and expressing opposition to government funds to parochial schools and support of open housing and employment practices for people of all races.

Perhaps the strongest resolution adopted by the convention dealt with unemployment, open housing, and racial discrimination. It urged Baptists to "aggressively seek in Christian love to secure for all people of our state open access to housing, employment, education and church affiliation."

Indiana Southern Baptists Elect First Lay President

RICHMOND, Ind. (BP) — The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana elected its first lay president, authorized a constitution revision committee, and took stands against public support of non-public schools and the report of the President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography.

Meeting here for their annual state convention, Southern Baptists in Indiana elected O. Thomas Woods of

Evansville, Ind., as their first layman president in the 12 year history of the state Baptist body.

After two amendments to the convention's constitution were presented, the convention authorized a committee to study the entire constitution and make recommendations next year. The document has been amended four times in the last five years.

The messengers stated that they were "unequivocally opposed" to granting public tax monies to aid and support parochial schools. The motion specifically referred to a "purchase of secular services" bill which has been approved by a legislative committee for introduction into the 1971 Indiana General Assembly.

A resolution was passed which encourages President Richard Nixon to rescind the recently released report of the President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography "to obtain a realistic appraisal of the influence and impact of obscenity and pornography on this nation."

A record budget of \$803,346 was approved by the messengers. The total budget includes a record state Cooperative Program goal of \$372,000. Of this amount, 28.1 per cent will be shared with world missions through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Arizona Convention Releases Hospitals; Asks Settlement

YUMA, Arizona (BP) — For the second straight year, the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention voted to get out of the hospital business.

Acting on a recommendation from its depth study committee, the convention voted 216-37 after little discussion to release its three hospitals to ownership by their respective boards of trustees.

The action ends a controversy that has gone on for more than a year, including court suits seeking to settle ownership of the hospitals, and the dismissal of the hospital trustees by the convention's Executive Board.

Under terms of the four-point motion adopted by the convention, the hospitals have been asked to pay a \$500,000 settlement, with \$300,000 immediately upon settlement, and \$50,000 per year for four years at no interest.

The \$500,000 figure was payment "in consideration and solely for the purposes of compromise and settlement of the pending litigation."

The settlement would come from the Phoenix Baptist Hospital, Phoenix; the Scottsdale Baptist Hospital, Scottsdale, Ariz.; and the Parkview Baptist Hospital, Yuma, Ariz.

In return, the convention would release its control of the three hospitals to the respective boards of trustees, with convention executive officers and officers of the hospitals granted the legal power to execute all documents to carry out the recommendation "at the earliest possible date."

The settlement will also end the pending legal action against the hospital's governing boards.

Colorado Convention Opposes Parochial Tuition Vouchers

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (BP) — In a peaceful and harmonious session here, the Colorado Baptist General Convention approved a record budget, opposed tuition vouchers to provide tax funds to parochial schools in Colorado, and set a goal for establishing 58 new churches in the convention next year.

The 1971 budget of \$575,671 includes expected income of \$250,000 from Baptist churches in the state, plus a designated mission offering goal of \$76,000.

In resolutions adopted by the con-

vention, Baptists in Colorado were urged to contact state legislators and register disapproval of proposed legislation for 1971 that would provide tuition vouchers and public tax funds to public and parochial schools in Colorado.

Another resolution pledged continuing support of law enforcement agencies, and expressed alarm at drug abuse in the nation.

Hawaii Convention Discusses Lease To Finance Expansion

HONOLULU, Hawaii (BP) — Messengers to the 28th annual meeting of the Hawaii Baptist Convention here discussed a proposal to lease nearly half the land owned by Hawaii Baptist Academy to a developer to secure funds to build a new school on the remaining portion of the land.

Convention officials are still in the process of negotiating the lease, which under terms of the proposal, would provide the school with an endowment fund to be administered by the Hawaii Baptist Foundation.

The convention was told in a report here that the academy, kindergarten through high school, has a balanced operational budget of nearly \$350,000, but has encountered difficulty in securing funds for capital improvements.

In other actions, the convention adopted a 1971 budget of \$649,839. The Cooperative Program goal for 1971 is \$90,000.

A Catholic educator in Hawaii addressed the convention for the first time. Robert R. Mackey, chancellor of St. Louis — Chaminade Education Center of Honolulu spoke to the convention, as did several Southern Baptist Convention executives.

Elected president of the convention was Dan Kong, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu.

Oregon-Washington Convention Changes Name To "Northwest"

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP) — Meeting here for its 23rd annual convention, the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington approved a constitutional change giving the organization a new name — the Northwest Baptist Convention.

The name change is effective immediately.

In other actions, the convention requested Bennett Cook, director of the Church Services Division for the convention, to serve as interim executive secretary, beginning Jan. 1, 1971.

The convention paid tribute to the work of Eugene Grubbs, executive secretary for the past two years, who has been named consultant on laymen overseas by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

New Mexico Adopts Reorganization Plan

ALAMOGORDO, N. M. (BP) — After debating the report of its special study committee for nearly six hours, the Baptist Convention of New Mexico adopted 10 recommendations of the committee which outlined a sweeping reorganization of the convention structure.

In presenting their recommendations, the committee pointed out that during the past 10 years, the convention's budgets have exceeded its income by \$458,634. "This does not mean that we owe that amount of money. It means that many of the programs included in the budget had to be eliminated . . . simply because money was not available. . . ."

Maryland Convention Approves Budget With Expected Deficit

ROCKVILLE, Md. (BP) — The Baptist Convention of Maryland ap-

proved deficit financing for 1971, adopting a budget of \$1,082,000—an amount five per cent higher than expected for the current year, and \$22,000 higher than expected in 1971.

Convention officials explained that the budget is based on needs, and that they hope that the income will be higher than they expect.

Kansas Convention Observes Anniversary, Adopts Budget

WICHITA, Kan. (BP) — Observing its 25th anniversary, the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists meeting here heard encouraging reports on its financial situation and adopted a 1971 budget that is \$20,000 less than anticipated receipts, but \$12,000 less than the 1970 budget.

The total budget for 1971 adopted by the convention amounts to \$653,054 compared to anticipated income of \$653,050. The budget amount is a decrease of \$12,000 compared to the budget adopted by the convention in 1969 for the current fiscal year.

Youth Convention Ready

(Continued from page 1)

The choirs of First Baptist Church in Hattiesburg will present the music drama entitled "Living in the Spirit" on Tuesday morning.

Director will be James Hayes, the church's minister of music.

The four best youth choirs in the state determined in the adjudication Monday morning, will sing during the convention.

Presession music will be provided by the four best instrumental youth groups in the state, determined likewise by adjudication.

Accompanists will be Paul Lee, Hattiesburg; Kaye Batson, Crystal Springs; Buddy Mathis, Pascagoula; Tommy Jaber, Natchez; Ginny Lee, Forest, and Paul Martin, Brandon.

Miss Chris McClamroch, "Miss Mississippi," will be featured on the Monday night program. She will give her personal testimony.

John Vickers, director of Miracle House in Jackson, will give his personal testimony of his encounter with Christ and his spiritual pilgrimage that led him to found and operate Miracle House in Jackson, a ministry to the social dropouts, especially youth.

Miss Aultman To Sing

Miss Eva Carolyn Aultman, of Columbia, graduate student at Ole Miss, will be a soloist during the opening session and will also direct the staging of the musical, "Now Hear It Again."

Joe Mason, minister of youth and recreation, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., will direct the recreation features.

Frank Grayum, from the Church Training Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will lead a conference and represent that department at the convention.

The recreation facilities at both Parkway and Broadmoor Baptist Churches will be open for use after the Monday night session.

A drama, "Dust of the Road," will be presented Tuesday afternoon by a group from Clarke College, Newton, under direction of Juanita West.

Kermit King, director of Church Training Department, and Dan C. Hall, of Church Music Department, said that the convention is open to junior high, senior high and college youth and predicted an attendance of up to 2000 Baptist youth from every section of the state.

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JOE T. ODLE, Editor

Let's Finish The Task

A series of advertisements appearing in the Baptist Record this month is calling attention to the amount of money which still must be given if the 1970 Cooperative Program goal is to be reached. Each week the sum has been decreasing.

The amount asked for is neither unreasonable, nor unreachable. A little extra effort on the part of each church, and by many individuals through support of the church, will help to more than reach the goal.

The figures which are given are not numbers simply pulled out of the air, but represent what remains to be given during this month, in order to provide the funds needed for support of the program the convention set for itself. These are not mere dollars, but are dedicated mission dollars, necessary for doing our mission work.

If the goal is not reached, each department of the Mississippi Baptist and Southern Baptist Con-

vention which shares in the Cooperative Program will have to cut its budget. This sometimes is most difficult to do in the light of a program adopted by the convention itself.

Approximately 70 percent of the Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program goal is kept in Mississippi. It is used for the support of the work of the convention board, the ministry of the colleges, the Children's Village, the hospital, and other phases of work done through the convention. Thirty percent of the dollar is sent to Nashville for distribution to SBC agencies for their work.

Mississippi Baptists can reach this goal. While some churches may be faced with financial problems, most of them enjoy a reasonable prosperity. Out of these blessings which God has provided, all of us must share in meeting the budget, so that not a single mission cause will have to suffer.

Any Connection?

Two articles which we have run across in reading seem to bear a relationship one to the other.

The first is from the church bulletin of a Brookhaven church. The pastor tells about a group of pastors eating together at the Piccadilly Cafeteria at the Jackson Mall, and spending a period of happy fellowship in which they discussed the blessings of God upon their churches. Before they left a lady from a neighboring table leaned toward them and said, "We have just been snooping a little, I guess, but we couldn't help hearing you men as you talked. We heard you talking about your revivals, your churches, your happy fellowship, and about God. This is strange to us, somewhat. You see we are (a major denomination) here in Jackson, and we are not used to hearing talk like this. We go to church, but talk only of certain social problems or

social issues. But we never talk about God. This is why we enjoyed so much listening to you men talk. Thank you!"

In the Religious News Service which came the same morning this news release: "EVANSTON, Illinois. (RNS) For the second straight year, membership declined in the Church. (The same denomination mentioned by the lady in the above story.) The denomination's statistical report, issued Nov. 17, shows... a drop of 117,850 members from the previous year. Attendance at the... principal worship services was down about 140,000 from last year. Church school enrollment... had a decrease of about 327,000."

We would not say that there is any connection between the two stories, for there well may be other factors. But knowing what has happened to denominations which have turned from majoring on the gospel message, we simply cannot but wonder.

Convention Or Church?

News releases report that a committee of the American Baptist Convention is recommending that the denomination become a "connectional" body, and change its name to the American Baptist Church.

A "connectional" church counts all of the denomination as one "church," as The Methodist Church. This is the very opposite of the "congregationalist" position, which has characterized Baptists through their history. In the "connectional" church denominational leaders have more control, and the authority of the local church is limited or actually taken away.

The release states that the churches still would have the financial

authority, but it is difficult to see how full freedom of the local congregation can be preserved in a "connectional" system.

We understand, of course, the arguments which men make that such a system makes for a more efficient denominational program, but knowing Baptist churches, even those of the American Convention, we are of the opinion that the proposal will be quickly and soundly rejected.

No true Baptist church anywhere is about to surrender its authority to any denominational leader or committee, no matter how dedicated or able they may be.

Is Liberty A Forgotten Word?

There are some things which are most difficult to understand. We love America, and thank God for her. This, however, does not blind us to her weaknesses, and to some of the things which are happening, which simply do not make sense. Surely, something is happening to America, that should not be happening!

A church bulletin which a reader sent to us from one of our Montana Baptist churches includes the following story:

"In Southern California, the District Attorney for Los Angeles County has closed down a Bible class held in a private home because 'public Bible studies conducted in a residence... constitute public assembly and a use of property not specifically permitted in a residential zone.'"

"It seems that the Rev. Donald Sills of the United Community Church of Glendale had been inviting young people to his home for Bible study, according to Norman Rohrer of the Evangelical Press Association.

"There was reportedly no music, few refreshments, and the young people were cautioned to park so neighbors would not be inconvenienced. But someone in the neighborhood complained and so the District Attorney moved in.

"Now if it had been a 'pot' party or rock-and-roll session, the situation would have been understandable. But a Bible class? In a country whose Constitution forbids any laws respecting religion?"

How could this happen here?

The very same day that we read the above, we heard over the radio the story of the Coast Guard allowing the Russians to board a U.S. ship and remove a Latvian sailor who had boarded the ship asking for "asylum," that is for the guarantee of freedom in the USA. But American officers allowed him to be seized and dragged from freedom, to what probably will be a torture worse than death, or death itself. Yet he was not a Russian, but a man from a country which Russia seized at the beginning of World War II, and which ever since has been behind the Iron Curtain. We do not have all the details but these are enough to make us sick at heart.

What is happening to America? Have some leaders become so enamored with cooperation with the Communists, that the hope of freedom which we once held out to others is now gone? We were glad to note that when President Nixon was informed concerning the Russian incident that he was infuriated about it. We

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INALIENABLE RIGHT—SACRED RESPONSIBILITY



NEWEST BOOKS

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, 1828-1970 by Lynn E. May, Jr. (First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., \$4.95, 331 pp.)

First Church, Nashville, one of the great churches of America, enjoys a history that is one of the nation's most fascinating and colorful. That history is told here in an accurate and interesting way by Dr. May, who is Research Director for the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, SBC. The past half century at the church centered in the work of two highly popular pastors and in many dramatic forms of expansion in ministry. The century before was marked by struggles of terrific intensity. During its first decade the church lost its building and almost its life. The thirty years following saw it become a battleground of rival philosophies of what Baptist faith and life ought to be. The Civil War brought a second crisis of near-extinction. The building was seized for military use and the pastor imprisoned. The following twenty years were ones of gradual recovery. Then for a long time the church suffered the effect of short pastorates, and labored under debt. Yet there were bright spots, too, and the beginnings of a new influence in the Baptist life of the South. The full story is told here, in gripping, flowing narrative. The attractively bound volume contains many photographs, a chart of the church's growth from year to year, and an alphabetical subject index.

TAYLOR'S BIBLE STORY BOOK by Kenneth N. Taylor (Tyndale House, \$6.95, 476 pp.)

This new Bible storybook is written clearly, directly, in the everyday English familiar to children, and is designed to appeal especially to the six

to twelve-year-old. It contains the great dramatic narratives of the Bible, from the marvels of creation to the adventures of the early church. Kenneth Taylor's name is well-known as the paraphraser of *The Living New Testament*. Also he has written other books, including books of children's stories and devotional books. He has had plenty of experience in sharing the Scriptures in story form, for he has ten children of his own. The breathtakingly beautiful art work in TAYLOR'S BIBLE STORY BOOK was done by Frances and Richard Hook, husband and wife team who are among America's foremost illustrators. Few children will fail to sense the personal warmth portrayed in the drawings of Christ.

THE GREATEST NAME OF ALL by Mary Miller (Broadman, \$2.50, 46 pp.) This attractive, beautifully illustrated book for children tells the story of some of the most important happenings in Jesus' life, in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Jericho, and Jerusalem, places where people first knew him, loved him, and worshipped him. It stresses the fact that the Good News of the Gospel spread until people representing all races and countries have come to know that the name of Jesus is above all other names, and that he is the Son of God and Saviour of the world.

GREAT STORIES OF THE BIBLE by Mary Miller (Broadman, \$2.50, 46 pp.) Full color illustrations are by Denis Wrigley. This book for children teaches that the Bible is a book for all people of all ages, and that there is a story in it for everyone. The Bible stories told here begin with the first people on earth and end with John's vision on Patmos, including stories from both Old and New Testaments.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Seeks Hints On Handling Physical Limitations

Dear Sir:

Many readers with some disability could be aided by an exchange of helpful hints from others who have solved a like problem. I would like to hear from folks who know what it's like to hurt and have found some small answer to a physical operational dilemma. It has been said that I qualify to organize this exchange of information project because I have a metal hip joint and more recently had several organs removed due to cancer.

This endeavor is not in any way to touch upon self-medication or conflict with doctor care, but to pass along innovations and creative methods of handling one's limitations by those who have done it. Sometimes a little thing of how to get out of a chair, or get up steps, or get one's clothes on, etc. can alter a person's activity and improve a situation.

This shared information could be the real meaning and spirit of hope for many. Each person who adds to the "More Comfort" file will forever have their name appear as author.

Helpful hints should be sent to Mr. Noble, P. O. Box 322, New Hope, Penna. 18938. You will never know the power of an idea until you have experienced the joyful relief of a

hope that he also will become infuriated about the taking away of the rights of young people to assemble in an American home to study the Bible. When that right is gone, we will not have much liberty left!

workable suggestion when you hurt. Write me today.

Thomas B. Noble
P. O. Box 322
New Hope, Penna. 18938

Interested In Nov. 25 Article

Dear Dr. Odle:

I enjoy reading the Record each week and have been subscribing to it since I left Mississippi in 1967. I was particularly interested in the article entitled "The Pastor Is Too Old" in the issue of November 26.

During my seminary days in Louisville, Kentucky, the late Dr. M. P. Hunt, then pastor of the Eighteenth Street Church in Louisville, made a chapel talk at the seminary. I recall one statement he made, "I am now in my seventy-third year, and half you students couldn't keep up with me." And it was just about true.

Churches should get rid of the childish idea that a pastor is too old if he is over thirty-five. I am now sixty-three, and consider myself in the most fruitful years of my ministry. There is no substitute for experience. I could call you the name of a large church that called a young man in his early thirties and within two years voted him out of office. They had a large debt, and needed an experienced man.

I spent sixteen happy years in Mississippi, and left a piece of my heart there. May God bless you, is my prayer.

W. M. Averett
133 Pear St.
Hazard, Kentucky 41701



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

God's Message Of Love

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Mondays seem to come oftener than other days. One Monday several years ago I was busy as could be. As if two small boys, washing and hanging out clothes, and cleaning house were not enough for a Monday, I decided to prepare a double recipe of frozen salad for the freezer before dashing off to missionary meeting. It's a rather expensive, troublesome recipe. One must cook a pudding-type base to which are added whipped cream, fruits of all types and pecans.

Hurrying to be on time at the church, I decided to stick the four trays of salad into the refrigerator freezing unit, waiting to run them downstairs to the freezer after I returned home. The first two trays made it easily. The third and fourth ones got tipped up some way and landed at my feet all over the floor. Oh, oh, oh. My sweet Christian spirit was sorely tried.

Three - and - a - half - year - old Bobby was standing there watching,

looking from my face to the floor and back to my face, wondering, I suppose, which was the biggest mess. He slowly came as close as he could, leaned over, looked up, and said, "Don't be sad, Mommy. Don't you know God loves you, and I love you?"

It was quite a time before the Lord could get through to me. After the mess was cleaned up, and after the day had finally ended, night thoughts cleared my mind. In the piercing dark I listened to God's piercing words: "That's it exactly—the message I want you Christians to give to the world. Tell them, 'Don't be sad. Don't you know God loves you, and I love you'..." For God so loved the world."

There has always been someone to remind me that God loves me. I know it with no shadow of doubt. Not everyone knows God loves him. Many will not believe it when they hear it. But many will believe it. If they're ever told.

NEW SACRED RECORDS

SONGTIME PRAISES with Ed Lyman (Word, Stereo WST \$515-LP) Ed Lyman has an unusual tenor voice, and in this album presents numerous solo numbers as used on the radio program SONGTIME BROADCASTS. Some of the numbers are familiar and some are not, but all present the Bible message.

TODAY'S MANN — Bill Mann (Word, Stereo WST \$514-LP) Bill Mann long has been widely acclaimed as a gospel soloist. This is his newest record, presenting the gospel message in today's format. Different instruments accompany him, to make a pleasing album.

ON THE MORAL SCENE

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION, SBC

Working mothers are posing stringent demands for employers to provide day-care centers. Unions are also involved. It's not surprising, then, that a joint company-union center is now in operation and thriving. It has been built by the health and welfare fund of the Clothing Workers Union and can accommodate up to 240 children from ages 2 to 6. Headed by a staff of 24 persons, the center opens at 6:40 a.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m. Look for day-care centers to be one of the fast-growing industries in the Seventies.

(From Personnel Management Week, published by the Executive's Council, Long Beach, California 90802)

Of the 13 million poor who live in metropolitan areas, two thirds are white and one third is black. Puerto Rican, Chicano, Oriental or American Indian. Fully 25 percent of the poor live in families headed by fully employed males who do not earn enough to rise above poverty. A job at the current Federal minimum wage of \$1.60 an hour, for instance, brings in \$225 a year less than enough for basic subsistence. In fact, these poor families account for double the number of poor families whose male heads work only sporadically or are unemployed. Low wages are responsible for twice as much poverty as unemployment. Hardest hit are the 5.4 million children who account for 42.2 percent of the urban poor. For one thing, researchers are now convinced that the undernourishment that exists in 63 percent of poor families is a direct cause of brain damage. For another, growing up in chaotic families, poor children get little of the tactile or mental stimulation necessary for creating the curiosity that makes for success in school.

(From "Poverty: A Losing War," Newsweek, 11-23-70)

One of the nation's top 10 record companies announced recently that it will not make records with drug lyrics or record groups that are on hard drugs. Mike Curb, 25-year-old president of MGM Records, called drug groups "the cancer of the industry." "As records become hits, the groups perform, not just in New York and San Francisco, but in Atlanta, Tennessee—all over. When they appear, smashed out of their minds, and describe a great experience they had on drugs, they glorify drugs. I credit hard drug record acts with starting hundreds and hundreds of new young drug users," Curb said. (Nashville Banner, 11-3-70)

Mini-Libraries On Film Are Unveiled For The Clergy

Forty-two years ago the huge Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., began reducing its editorial fortunes to volumes the size of pinheads through the miracle of microfilm.

Educational institutions quickly followed suit, then industry, then the professions.

Now, nearly a generation later, microfilm is finally finding its place in the service of the Church.

Pastors' Resource Services, Inc., with offices in Anaheim, Calif., this week announced plans for a basic reference and resource library on "microfilm," prepared especially for clergy. Work on the project was initiated a year ago by George F. Santa with the assistance of William T. Whitney. Since then some 120,000 pages of theological and devotional material have been carefully selected for the minister desiring a resource file at his fingertips. The first microfilm library unit, representing four hundred volumes, is designed to occupy only 12-1/2 x 12 inches of desk space. Hard-bound copies of the same books would require an entire wall of traditional bookshelves.

EDUCATION WHAT'S HAPPENING

THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, SBC

In recent Gallup poll the average American indicated his greatest concern is not the war in Vietnam... or racial segregation... or unemployment... but revolt on the campus.

The Carnegie Commission on Higher Education has completed a study which reveals that Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish professors teaching in United States universities have drifted away markedly from their early religious affiliation. The drop-out rate is 29.2 percent for Protestants, 23.3 percent for Catholics, 33.3 percent for Jews. As expected, most of the drop-outs claim no present religious affiliation, but 6 percent say they now follow religions other than the three major ones in the United States. The academic discipline with the largest religious drop-out rate is anthropology, followed by psychology, sociology, and philosophy. The smallest drop in religious affiliation among Protestants was shown to be among teachers of religion, while Catholic teachers of religion actually recorded a net gain. The study was based on a questionnaire to which 60,447 professors responded.

Christian Century "Instituting change today is as difficult as moving a cemetery."

Roger Heys, Chancellor of the University of California at Berkeley

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WMU State Mission Week Of Prayer Offering Reaches \$94,634.25

The gifts to State Missions Week of Prayer (Margaret Lackey) are listed as received through November 30 with 815 churches participating. At that time total gifts amounted to \$94,634.25.

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Baptist Hospital To Observe 60th Anniversary On Jan. 3

Mississippi Baptist Hospital is making plans to observe its 60th anniversary on January 3, 1971.

Tours of the hospital and "Open House" for the new Gilroy Progressive Care Unit will be held on that day, and other special events are being planned.

The observance was announced by Zach Hederman, president of the hospital board, and by Paul J. Pryor, hospital administrator.

"We want to hear from everyone who was born in Mississippi Baptist Hospital," said Pryor, "and we want to pay special recognition to the person born here the longest time ago."

"We also would like to find the family which has had the most members born in this hospital, so that we can give them special recognition, too, as we celebrate this anniversary."

Flora Honors Pastor On Ninth Anniversary

Pastor Appreciation Day was observed on Sunday, November 1 at Flora Church to honor Rev. James E. Walker, pastor for the last nine years.



The program consisted of special music by Mrs. Charles Sykes of Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Haynes of Flora. Bob Giddy, chairman of deacons, presented Rev. and Mrs. Walker a clothes dryer on behalf of the members of Flora Church.

Mr. Walker moved to Flora Church in November, 1961 from East Philadelphia Church in Neshoba County. Other churches he has served are Simmons Memorial, Liberty Church, Salem Church, West Kemper Church. He is the son of Mrs. G. L. Walker of Meridian.

"We would appreciate hearing from people who may have photographs or documents pertaining to the hospital's history, so that we can prepare a display on our history."

Pryor said letters to the hospital related to the anniversary observance should be addressed to "Project 1911-71, Mississippi Baptist Hospital, 1190 North State Street, Jackson."

He said another part of the program will call for children in the first through the sixth grades to send the hospital, voluntarily, drawings picturing a visit to the hospital, as they remember it. The drawings, he said, should be on poster board art paper 16 inches by 20 inches.

Interdenominational Conference Planned

The Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference has scheduled a conference-retreat for the state's clergymen Dec. 28-30 at Henry Jacobs Camp near Utica.

The Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference is a non-denominational group composed of clergy and laymen interested in working together to accomplish mutual goals.

Lecturers will include Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., Rabbi Henry Siegmans, executive vice president of the Synagogue Council of America in New York City, Dr. Ernest A. Smith, associate general secretary of the General Board of Christian Concerns of the United Methodist Church in Washington, and the Very Reverend Thomas Stransky, C. S. P., president of the Paulist Fathers Community in New York City.

Clergymen interested in attending the conference-retreat should contact Rabbi Perry Nussbaum, Conference Secretary at Box 12329 in Jackson.



Looking Toward The Goal . . .

LITTLE Chris Whitehead shows his concern for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at Highland Church, Vicksburg. The church goal is \$525. As each \$25 is reached, a light is turned on. This Sunday School set an additional goal of \$200. Rev. Bobby Thompson is pastor.

Brookhaven, First, Chancel Choir

To Present "Messiah" December 13

The Chancel Choir, First Church, Brookhaven, under the direction of William H. Sellers of Jackson, will present (Part I) of Handel's "Messiah" on December 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Organist will be Mrs. Clyde Bryan of Jackson, wife of Clyde Bryan who heads Bryan Tours. Pianist will be Mrs. Celeste Robbins of Brookhaven.

Guest soloist will be Robert Clements of Tucker, Georgia. He holds a Master's degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, has been tenor soloist for First Church, Dallas, Texas, and has previously arranged

and directed his own concert group. Mr. Clements has served as interim music director in many churches, and soloist for numerous presentations of the "Messiah" and "Elijah." He is regional Manager for Rand-McNally and a deacon in First Church, Tucker.

Other soloists will be Mrs. James Buckley, Mrs. Harold Lofton, Mrs. Calvin Wallace, Mrs. David Singleton, and Mrs. Bobby Allred, all of whom are members of First Church Chancel Choir.

The public is invited.

BMC Chorus To Give Annual Concert

On December 13, the Blue Mountain College Chorus will give its annual Christmas concert. The featured composition this year will be A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten. Britten, one of our foremost twentieth century composers, has skillfully blended a mixture of Middle English, Latin and traditional texts with carol-like tunes to form a group of ten songs which speak beautifully of the birth of the Heavenly Babe and His mother, Mary.

Featured soloists will be Sandy Freeman, New Albany; Joye McCreary, Baldwin; Kaye Wallace, Baton Rouge, La.; and Nell Thigpen, Charleston, S. C. Nancy Puryear Brock, senior organ major of Blue Mountain, will play the prelude and postlude. Kitty Sanders of Slayden is pianist for the chorus which is directed by Nancy Ellis Robertson, member of the Blue Mountain College music faculty.

The public is invited to attend this concert at seven in the evening, December 13, in Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain.

Pearl Youth Choir Sings "Good News"

The Youth Choir of Pearl Church, Jackson, presented the program "Good News" at church service on Sunday night, November 29. The choir had been on a retreat and had returned to sing on Sunday night before a crowd of 450 persons. This group is available for limited engagements. Contact Dean Hunter, Minister of Music and Youth at Pearl, Box 5734, Jackson 39208.

Rev. Carl Talbert is pastor.

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"Christmas Sparkles At The Village" To Be Presented

"CHRISTMAS SPARKLES AT THE VILLAGE", the annual production of choral music of the season by the Music Department of the Baptist Children's Village will be presented on Saturday evening, December 12, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. in Hester Activities Building on the Village campus. The Baptist Children's Village is located on Flag Chapel Drive at West Northside Drive. There is no admission charge, and all friends of the

Village and its children are cordially invited to attend.

Now in its sixth consecutive year, "Christmas Sparkles At The Village" presents 140 boys and girls from the Village, ages 4-20 years, in a concert of both sacred and secular music of the season. Among those featured will be "The Treble Teens," "The Villagers" and "The Teen Choir", all popular choral groups from the Village's Department of Music. These

groups have become well-known in Mississippi as a result of their frequent appearances about the state in Baptist churches, at service clubs and in schools. The entire production is under the supervision of Mrs. Curtis W. (Jan) Nix, Director of the Department of Music at the Village, which is the Mississippi Baptist child care agency.

This presentation has become one of

the more popular Christmas choral concerts in the Jackson area. In 1969, almost 2,000 guests were in attendance, including many people from other areas of the state, and several from out of state. It has been announced that the 1970 concert will be presented on a new, elevated stage with improved seating arrangements constituting every seat in the large building a good one.

Rev. Marlon Seaneay was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by the Pearson Church of Pearl (Rankin County Association) on November 15. He had recently accepted the call of Ebenezer Church, Holmes County. Mr. Seaneay, a Junior in Mississippi College, was licensed by the Pearson Church on November 26, 1967. During his two years in Clarke College he preached often as supply, as well as in revivals. He is married to the former Rita Garrett of Kilmichael.

Mt. Pleasant Calls Pastor

Mt. Pleasant Church, Holmes County, has called Rev. Harry Jones of Benton as pastor. He arrived on the field November 19.

Mr. Jones is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary. He and Mrs. Jones have two children, Doyle and Shirley. Doyle is teaching at Calloway in Jackson; Shirley is a junior at Mississippi College.

Names In The News



Rev. Byron E. Mathis, pastor of Pascagoula's Calvary Church for nearly 13 years, has been given a tour to the Holy Land. The tour will be directed by Evangelist E. J. Daniels of Orlando, Florida. The presentation of the tour was made to Rev. and Mrs. Mathis and their son Buddy, during dedication services of Calvary's new sanctuary on November 22. Rev. James V. Miller, associate pastor, made the presentation. The Mathis family will depart Pascagoula on December 27. The ten-day tour will include stops in Holland, Israel, and Italy. Sites visited in Israel will include: Jerusalem, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives, Bethlehem, Jericho, Jordan River, Dead Sea, Samaria, Galilee, Capernaum, Nazareth, Haifa, Hebron, Beersheba, Gaza, Ashkelon, Lachish, and other sites of biblical interest. The tour group will also spend time in Rome. Pictured above, left to right, are Mr. Miller, Mrs. Mathis, Mr. Mathis, and Buddy.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul B. Johnson, missionaries to the Philippines, have moved from Mati to Davao City (address: P. O. Box 99, Davao City, Philippines 0-404). He is a native of Bassfield, Miss. The former Vera Rose, a North Carolinian, she was born in Glen Alpine and reared in Morgantown. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1968.

Rev. and Mrs. John W. Merritt, missionaries, may now be addressed at Via per Baggio 6,20090 Trezzano S. Naviglio, Milan, Italy. Merritt is a native of the Hattiesburg, Miss. area. The former Elizabeth Pope, Mrs. Merritt was born in Mobile, Ala., and reared in Chicora, Miss. They were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1964.

Rev. Hubert Tacket was ordained to the ministry on November 22 by Carnation Church, Okolona. Rev. James Ruffin, pastor, First, Okolona, preached the ordination sermon; Rev. James Moore, pastor, Van Vleet Church, gave the charge; G. M. Daniel, member of First, Okolona, led the ordination prayer. Rev. Edward Pendergrast is pastor at Carnation Church, where Mr. Tacket will assume the role of assistant pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Mosteller, missionaries to Thailand, were special missionary guests at First Church, Yazoo City, for Missions Rally Day, Sunday, November 29.

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By Clifton J. Allen
Matthew 19:16-22; Luke 9:57-62;
John 15:12-20; 1 Peter 3:13-17

The charge in many circles that the Christian witness is irrelevant and unconvincing is largely due to shallowness in both understanding and practice of the Christian faith. We have confessed a name but failed to manifest its power. Our lesson therefore con- fronts us with the costly demands of the committed life. Jesus' teachings about this matter were pointed and clear. To become a Christian demands that one give up everything that hinders commitment to Christ. Following Christ as a disci- ple requires that there be no com- promise or reservation in accepting his lordship. Living the Christian life with full devotion will almost cer- tainly involve hostility from the world. We ought to be willing—as Peter admonished the early Christians—to suffer for righteousness' sake. If oc- casion requires, we surely should be willing to suffer for the name of Christ.

**The Lesson Explained
HATRED FROM THE WORLD (John 15:18-20)**

The setting of Jesus' words must not be overlooked. The cross was but a few hours away. During those few hours hostility and hatred and insult and ridicule and violence would be heaped on Jesus with venom and cruelty. Jesus was warning his disci- ples to prepare them for the hatred they, too, must encounter. Many times before, he had counseled them fran- kly that their commitment to him would expose them to hatred from the world. If his obedience to the Father's will and his fulfillment of the mission received from the Father aroused the enmity and brutal treatment of un- believers, how could his disciples ex- pect less if they were true to him? The disciples needed to realize that their identification with Christ would require them to walk the bitter road of sacrifice, of persecution, and of suffering.

Christians now should consider se- riously the truth in Jesus' warning to his disciples. If Christians have some- thing in their witness that rings true to the reality of Christ and his lord- ship, they will likely face hatred from the world. Why is this so? First, be- cause they stand for principles of up- rightness and justice that unbelievers reject and despise and hate; second, because they represent the rule of Christ and seek to make the rule of Christ the standard of human con- duct and human relationships, and this threatens the rule of Satan and his sway over countless numbers of persons; third, because Christians are different and are unwilling to conform to the patterns of a sinful world, so that hostility is aroused on the part of the people in control of the world's power structures and standards; fourth, because the lives of Christians re- flecting something of the goodness of Christ brings the judgment of light and truth on the lives of persons in the service of Satan, and they strive to destroy the followers of Christ. Hatred from the world is the reaction of hate against love, of error against truth, of evil against goodness.

**SUFFERING FOR RIGHTEOUS-
NESS' SAKE (1 Peter 3:13-17)**

Assuming that Simon Peter was the writer of these verses, we remember

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that he himself knew the sting of the world's enmity. He had been beaten and had been in prison. He had been warned by Jesus to anticipate a mar- tyr's death. At the time he wrote his epistle, Christians throughout the Ro- man world were being subjected to ridicule, ostracism, violent treatment, and even death because of their fi- delity to Christ. Hence Peter sought to encourage the Christians in stead- fastness. To suffer for righteousness' sake could involve blessings, that of a courageous witness for Christ and that of certain reward for fidelity to Christ. Those early Christians really learned the meaning of suffering for righteousness' sake, of demonstrating the faith that overcomes the world, and of saving life by losing life.

The admonition of Peter is highly relevant for Christians in today's world. Suffering for righteousness' sake is not something theoretical. Some lose their jobs if they refuse to be dishonest—it may be by slack work to conform to a low standard, not reporting faulty goods, or taking ad- vantage of helpless people. Some lose opportunity for promotion because they will not compromise Christian convictions to conform to the crowd. And some Christians—in this country and other countries as well—risk per- sonal danger, threats against their families, the destruction of their homes or businesses, blackmail, or even death when they oppose some evil system or champion some right- eous cause. Christians should not yield to fear. They should be willing to suffer to practice Christian virtues and to live according to the example of Christ. They should turn opposition and attacks into opportunities for a convincing witness as to their faith and hope. And they should be con- cerned always to have a clear con- science before God, whatever the re- viling or shame occasioned by Chris- tian conduct.

Share The Joys Of Christmas With A Seaman

New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Ser- vice uses many methods to share the joy of Christ with every seaman in the port of New Orleans at Christmas time. Many local groups go carol- ing on the docks, and give tracts, Bibles, and gifts to all who live on the ships.

On December 19 there will be a World Wide Christmas Party in the Activities Building of Gentilly Baptist Church, New Orleans. To this party will be invited every person from every ship in the port on that date.

Rev. John P. Vandercook, director of the New Orleans Baptist Seamen's Service, Inc., states, "It occurs to us who have the joy of this ministry that we would be selfish if we didn't per- mit you to share in this opportunity. In recent years we have given near 3000 gifts each year to these friends from around the world plus many Bibles in all languages. Of course many fruits, candies, and other re- freshments are used during the holi- days.

"We invite you to share in this Christmas joy as an individual, class, church, or any group. Any gift you would give to your favorite man is acceptable (shaving articles, socks, ties, tie tacks or bars, stationery, games, etc.) Gifts should be sent un- wrapped (you may include paper and ribbons if you like.) If you prefer to wrap your own gifts please mark on each package the article enclosed. This is necessary because we do use some ladies and children's gifts, since families of some of the officers travel with them. You might even like to write a personal message on the gen- eral theme, "What Christmas Means to Me," thus sharing the Gospel with "the stranger within the gate."

"You may prefer to help finan- cially with the purchase of foreign Bibles and other expenses. Whatever you do we want you to have the joy of shar- ing Christ with others."

Mr. Vandercook's address is 2610 Drexel Avenue, New Orleans, La. 70122.

Linn Calls Pastor

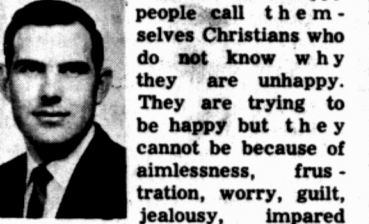
Rev. Dale Wilson of Parkview Church, Tallulah, La. has accepted the pastorate of Linn Church, Doddsville. He and his wife moved on the church field December 8.

The Wilsons have two sons, Dale, Jr., who is married, lives in Green- ville, and is a student at Delta State College, Cleveland; and Don, a senior at Chamberlain-Hunt Academy, Port Gibson.

In Personal Conduct

Col. 3:54-18
By Bill Duncan

As you study the book of Colossians, you note the pre-eminence of Christ stressed in every lesson. "Christ First" is a good title for this unit.



A lot of unhappy people call them- selves Christians who do not know why they are unhappy. They are trying to be happy but they cannot be because of aimlessness, frus- tration, worry, guilt, jealousy, impaired thoughts, and many other reasons.

The interests that are controlled by self are all in their lives. As a result it is quite obvious that Christ is not in first place in their lives. On the throne of life is their ego.

Sure, they have received Christ, but they live defeated lives because they do not let Christ control their lives. By not letting Christ control their lives, they fail to draw upon the power of the Holy Spirit to live the Christian life. The Christian may want to do right in personal conduct but he cannot because of self on the throne of his life.

You will recall that last week we saw that Christ must be first in per- sonal beliefs. After the theology there come the ethical demands. Paul, the author of the letter to Colossia, thought man should try to work out and express the Christian faith. Man should eliminate everything in life which is against God. "Put to death (practice ascetic discipline and self- denial) every part of your self and personality which is against God, and which keeps you from fulfilling the will of God" (Col. 3:5). This ex- perience begins with self-centered- ness being killed. When one becomes a Christian he is to have put off the old man and to have put on the new man. The new man is new for the image of God is renewed again from within. The old man was corrupt both morally and mentally as you see in Col. 3:5b and Col. 3:8-9.

There is a great contrast between what we are to take out by God's help and what we are to put into our lives. When we put self first in our lives then out comes anger, evil de- sire, slander, lies. But when Christ is first the life is known by concern, kindness, humility, gentleness, pa-

tience, forgiveness, peace, and above all, love.

The King James Version says that in personal conduct the peace of God should be the umpire or decider of all things. When we are clashing in feelings or actions, the decision of peace will be the decision that Christ would have us make.

The strength of doing right in per- sonal conduct will come from the thankful spirit for the word of God-Bible, Christian knowledge of the word, fellowship of praise that we have singing spiritual songs. Many people want the right to conduct, but do now know the source of strength to continue.

There are a lot of people who do not really know what it means to live the Christian life. Paul the apostle was an example to us all. Yet the greatest example was Jesus Christ. Jesus did not try to live a legalistic life, but a positive life of doing good for the other person. As a result there was not the emptiness we so often find in our lives. The Christian life is based upon doing God's will about every- thing.

Christianity is a practical working out of Christianity in the everyday relationships of life. In the home, oc- cupation or family, one has a recip- rocal obligation. This carries the idea that my wife and I have a mutual responsibility. The master and slave or employer and employee or serv- ants of one master, Jesus Christ. When Christ is introduced into the life, one experiences the changing and recreating influence.

In our personal conduct whether it is good or bad, we are an adver- tisement for the faith which we bear. It is not by one's words but by his life that he attracts people or re- pels them from Christianity.

The church is always offering its members the opportunity to teach, sing, visit, work for the cause of Christ. Many refuse these which are the opportunities of achievement and service. A Christian who wants to do right in personal conduct should look upon this as an opportunity for wit- ness and ministry.

In order to have the right personal conduct in our lives we need to be right. One will not act according to Christ's example unless he has Christ in his life. There never has been a better time than now for people to begin to conduct themselves accord- ing to Christ's teaching.

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Devotional

Christmas Is Coming: So What?

By Bob Marsh, Pastor, First, Laurel

This is an unusual time of the year, the most perplexing and pathetic puzzle of contemporary society. Look around you and see the tinsel trees with glittering gay lights, hear the familiar strains of Christmas music, join the shoving shoppers swirling through streets turned into streams of tired humanity. Notice the many parties this time of the year, flowing liquor, and the massacre of morals. To many this is a season of toys and trinkets, of trees and tinsel, debts and drinking, headaches and holly, of putting aside morals and living it up in unprincipled gaiety. This is the Christmas season!

But what means this strange season when the Christ-child takes His place alongside Rudolph the red-nose reindeer, when Joy to the World is drowned out by Jingle Bell Rock, when the song of the angels is replaced by the ring of the cash register? Beneath the wrappings which will be burned, beyond the toys which will be crushed, more lasting than a tree which will be discarded, is there some eternal, significant meaning to Christmas? Through the noise of a confused civilization seeking pleasure at the sacrifice of purity, through the darkness of a day degenerating itself to destruction, we can hear faintly and feebly a voice reminding us lest we completely forget, "Christmas is the birthday of Jesus Christ the Lord."

Respectively I ask, "What is so special about that?" I mean, there have been many significant men born into the world. What is so special about the birthday of Jesus Christ? For many reasons. Galatians 4:4, Romans 8:3 tell us that He was born to die, to die for the sins of the world.

Isaiah lived 800 years before Jesus was born. In chapter 53 he declared that God would one day send the Messiah for the purpose of suffering for the sins of the world. He would be the sacrifice of God for the sins of mankind. And centuries before that little manger in Bethlehem was ever built, ages before Caesar was born, before the tree grew that became a Roman cross, God was saying through the prophets' predictions that Christ would come, that His birth would be a miraculous conception, and that the destiny of the ages would be changed by His birth. He would be born to die. He would die a death which would be God's atonement for man's sins.

That night when in Judean skies, the mystic star dispersed its light. A blind man moved within his sleep and dreamed that he had sight.

That night when shepherds heard the song of host angelic choir near, A deaf man broke his slumber's spell and dreamed that he could hear.

That night when over the newborn babe the tender Mary rose to lean, A loathsome leper smiled in sleep, and dreamed that he was clean.

That night when to the Mother's breast, the little king was held secure, A harlot slept a happy sleep, she dreamed that she was pure.

That night when in the manger lay, the little babe who was born to save, A dying man dreamed a happy dream, he dreamed that he was pure.

Christmas to many has become a time to express depravity and shameful lust. The gods of materialism and greed have taken over the throne of the "holiday season." Christmas is nothing more than some heathen holiday filled with pagan practices when we forget that behind the babe in the manger is the agonizing Christ of the cross. Christmas must remind us of a cross. This is a season of worship, a time to remember that our sins led God to initiate that first Christmas.

Calvary, Pascagoula To Present Musical Christmas Drama

Pascagoula's Calvary will combine their Youth and Sanctuary Choirs to present their Christmas Dramatic Musical in two performances: Saturday, December 12, 7:30 P.M., and Sunday, December 13, 7:30 P.M. The musical entitled, "We Have

the Answer — Jesus", written by Mrs. Byron Mathis, director of the Sanctuary Choir, will unite the youth in dramatics with the 55-voice Sanctuary Choir presenting the musical scores.

Rev. James Miller, associate pastor and director of the Youth Choir, and Buddy Mathis will narrate the script and direct the Youth in their dramatics.

Rev. Byron Mathis is pastor.

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Clarke Campus Lighters

From left: Mrs. Alice Davies, Laurie Kirkland, Nelda Hall and Glenda Dozier. A Clarke College girls' singing group styling themselves "The Campus Lighters Trio" has sung in programs in Calvary Church, Laurel, and Calhoun City; they have other engagements scheduled before the Christmas holidays. Laurie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivy D. Kirkland, Jackson, is first soprano; Nelda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Hall, Mathiston, is alto; and Glenda, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Creagh Dozier, Nanafalia, Alabama, is second soprano. Mrs. Davies of the music faculty, is pianist and sponsor.

JOHN CHRYSOSTOM: It is a great thing, this reading of the Scriptures! For it is not possible ever to exhaust the mind of the Scriptures. It is a well that has no bottom.

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Student-Pastor Banquet Held At Clarke

From left above are Dr. Charles H. Melton, Therman Bryant, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, Dr. Foy Rogers, J. Clifford Watson, Dr. W. L. Compere.

For Clarke College ministerial students the annual Student-Pastor Banquet was held in the Morrison cafeteria on campus November 19, at 8:00 P.M. As customary, the banquet was sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Dr. Foy Rogers, director. The purpose of the meeting is to brief student pastors in



THE CLARKE COLLEGE CHOIR and College Singers presented the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" at 15th Avenue Church, Meridian, on December 6, at 7:00 p.m. The featured soloists were students from the choir. Miss Janet Clark accompanied the choir and James B. McElroy, choral director at the college, conducted the concert. Fifty students participated in the program. From left, standing: Cathy Collins, alto; Laurie Kirkland, soprano; Donna Sanders, soprano; Dan Guest, tenor; Sharon Blackwell, alto; Bill Wade, bass; seated, Janet Clark, pianist.

RESULTS REVIVAL

College Hill Church, Rt. 2, Vardaman: November 27-29; Rev. Joe Holcomb, pastor of Rienzi Church, evangelist; Rev. Dick Holloway, pastor; 10 professions of faith, seven for membership and baptism at College Hill and three joining other churches. (This makes a total of 21 baptisms at College Hill since the new church year began October 1).



Christmas Music At Clarke College

JAMES B. McELROY, instructor in voice at Clarke College, will present his voice students in a special Christmas recital on December 10, at 7:00 p. m. in the Recital Hall of the Lott Fine Arts Building on the campus. Clockwise, from left front: Ronald Cottingham, Richard Webb, Bill Wade, Dan Guest, Mr. McElroy; Eddie Estes, Jr., Rodney Walker, Wendell Blount, Garry Breland, Harrel Wilcox. Not pictured: Gene Myers, and Mrs. Donna Sanders.



PICTURED ABOVE, at the celebration of Slayden Church's 100th birthday, are, left to right, Rev. Danny Lee Prater, pastor; Rev. Arthur Leslie, superintendent of missions, Lafayette-Marshall Counties; Mrs. Kate Carpenter, Slayden's oldest member; Rev. M. L. Swinney, former pastor; and Rev. Ernest Stiles, former pastor.

Slayden Celebrates Centennial

Slayden Church, Slayden, observed its centennial on November 15, with a Homecoming Day and program.

The church was organized in November of 1870 as the Alexandria Baptist Church. The first building was a log cabin of indeterminate origin and age. The church field reached from the Tennessee line in the north to Big Coldwater in the south, and from Cayce in the west to the Benton county line in the east. First located north of Slayden, the church was moved to Slayden in 1912 and then in 1940 with the completion of a new church plant

the name was changed to the Slayden Baptist Church. The church has been associated with the following associations: Big Hatchie, Tiptah, Coldwater, and Marshall.

Today Slayden Church, actively involved in all areas of Baptist life and work, looks forward to even greater growth during the next hundred years. Program personalities included Rev. Will Fore, former pastor 1915-1919; Rev. Ernest Stiles, former pastor; Rev. M. L. Swinney, former pastor; Rev. Lester Janes, former member; Rev. Arthur Leslie, superintendent of missions, Lafayette-Marshall.

Rev. J. E. Prestage Dies At Age 32

Funeral services for Rev. John E. Prestage, 32, of 338 Keener Avenue, Jackson, were held November 23 from Candlestick Church, Jackson, with Rev. G. A. McCoy officiating, assisted by Rev. James E. Allen.

Mr. Prestage, a victim of cancer, died November 21, at Baptist Hospital. Carl Floyd, music director at Candlestick, sang "Amazing Grace" and "When I Meet the Master Face to Face," at the funeral, as Mr. Prestage had requested.

A native of Scott County, Mr. Prestage had lived in Jackson for 14 years. He was an ordained Baptist minister, and had been preaching on WJQS each Sunday morning. He was also employed at Mississippi Industries for the Blind and was president of the Helping Hand Rescue Mission. He had been totally blind until just a few years ago, when an operation gave him vision in one eye.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lois Prestage, Jackson; his mother, Mrs. Joe E. Davis, Ludlow; his father, Huie Lee Prestage, Forest; two brothers, Arthur Lee and Luther Ray Prestage, Forest; and four sisters, Misses Judie, Bonnie, Ina, and Frances Prestage, Forest.

A friend of Mr. Prestage who loved him very much has made the following statement in tribute to him: "On November 21 God called home one of the most dedicated Christians I have ever known. Brother John showed his love for God and his fellow man everywhere he went."

"He was a wonderful, understanding, and appreciative person. He showed his appreciation with his wonderful smile and the words he had for everybody. The memory of him will always be an inspiration to those who knew him. Just the week before he passed away he was sitting on his hospital bed laughing and telling jokes, for he never thought of himself, but always of others."

"Many have remarked that they saw him only two weeks before he died and would never have guessed that anything was wrong, for he was cheerful and uncomplaining through his suffering. He held his head high, often in deep thought. Usually, as he admitted on being questioned, he was thinking of the sermon he was going to give the next Sunday."

"Brother John led in a radio program that was an inspiration to his listeners. After he became ill, he continued to preach. The last two Sundays he preached, just before his death, he really was not able to do so. We will all miss him, but he will not suffer more in heaven."

MUSIC

Instrumental Ensemble Conference (Brass Methods)

Friday, January 15, 1971
Oak Forest Baptist Church, Jackson

Coordinator

Roddy Simmons
First, Brandon

Guest Clinician

Benjamin Dunford
William Carey

Schedule for the conference:

9:30 Coffee and doughnuts — Registration

10:00 Worship (hymn, prayer, using brass ensemble)

10:15 Advantages of Instrumental Music Ministries

10:30 Instrumental Conducting vs. Choral Conducting

10:40 Demonstration of brass instruments

11:30 Break

11:45 Demonstration (continued)

12:20 Lunch

1:00 Writing for brass instruments

Elementary music manuscript

1:30 Demonstration of actual scoring for brass

Transposition

2:45 Break

3:00 Practical scoring of a hymn (two-line hymn)

4:00 Break

4:15 Performance of completed scores

5:30 Evaluation

Plans in the Future

Registration fee is \$5.00, which includes lunch. Participants should plan to attend all sessions.

Pre-registration should be sent to the Church Music Department no later than January 14.

This conference would be of help to ministers of music who are interested in organizing and utilizing instrumental ensembles as well as soloists in their church.

Off The Record

In keeping with the season, we pass along the tale of a Russian named Rudolph.

Glancing out the window one morning, he was heard to remark, "It's sure raining."

"That's not rain," protested his wife, "It's sleet."

"No, no, it's raining," he answered. "Believe me, Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear."

Report card

Father: Son, why is your January report card marked so low?

Son: Well, you know how it is. After Christmas, everything is marked down.

He's agin' it

Jud: "They had to shoot poor old Fido today."

Zeke: "Was he mad?"

Jud: "Well, he wasn't any too pleased."



Macedonia (Simpson) Dedicates Pastorium

Macedonia Church, Simpson County, dedicated a new pastorium (shown above) on Sunday, November 1. Rev. Tom McCurley, pastor, and his family, live in the new home where Open House was held in the afternoon following dedication services. Rev. Judd Allen, associate, Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, was guest speaker for the special service.



Highland, Meridian, Dedicates New Bus

PASTOR Jack W. Elliott of Highland Church, Meridian, is pictured, top photo, addressing a portion of those who attended the dedicatory service for the new church bus on Sunday, October 18. The church plans to use this new air-conditioned 46-passenger bus in its total program. The bus was used twice during the recently concluded Mississippi Baptist Convention—once on Men's Night and again on Youth Night.